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NINETY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

Program and arrangements are nplete for the meeting of the Con- ence, its ninety-fourth annual meet- . Santa Cruz is the city. The First ngregational is the host church. day, Saturday, and Sunday, May to 28, are the dates. Rev. Hugh rnon White is the moderator. Rev. Cunnigham is the pastor of the certaining church. Miss Ruth Isabel abury is the leading guest speaker. ss Seabury has visited Northern Cal- rnia, but never before for the meet- g of the State Conference. No one our national fellowship is more ormative, more inspiring, and more lcome. Added to her very great ilities and worldwide acquaintance- ip is her recent two years spent in pan, where she served as educational unselor to the president of Doshisha niversity and as leader in summer nferences under the National Stu- nt Christian Movement.

Dr. Ruth Seabury, Headliner

Dr. Seabury will give four addresses the Conference. On Friday after- on almost at the opening, she will eak on "Civilization Between Two orlds." Her address at the banquet Saturday night will follow the eme, "Japan Begins Again." On nday morning, she will preach the nference sermon on "The Fellow- ip of the Mystery." She will be the eaker at the youth rally in the ternoon.

eading Attorney From Long Beach

Second in interest will be Miss Elsie .. Farris, of Long Beach. Miss Farris an eminent attorney, member of e County, State, and American Bar ssociations and admitted to practice efore the United States Supreme ourt. She is past president of the ational Business and Professional Vomen's Club and is chairman of the Vest Coast Commission for Mexico, dministering our Congregational work that country. She is a member of ne First Congregational Church of ong Beach and has recently returned om a flight around the world, visit- g all but two of our Congregational issionary fields. She will be the peaker at the Women's Luncheon on aturday noon.

Pilgrim Fellowship Rally

Pilgrim Fellowship will sponsor a outh rally at the Annual Meeting at anta Cruz on Sunday, May 28. oung people will come in time to ttend church at eleven and will bring eir own picnic lunch to be enjoyed fter the church service and just be- ore the rally, at which time Miss Ruth sabel Seabury will be the speaker.

Laymen Take Over

Since this is to be a weekend con- erence, laymen will have a very prom- nent part. There will be a Laymen's uncheon Sunday noon, with Rev. Glenn A. Rowles, Associate Superin- endent of Southern California, as the peaker; and this will be followed by symposium led by lay people on "Strengthening Your Local Church" ith twelve-minute addresses by Mrs. tephen Peabody, of San Jose; Mrs. Gail Cleland, of Berkeley; Professor William H. Davis, of Palo Alto; Mr. Robert Hughes, of Modesto; and Mr. ohn Neukom, of San Mateo.

One of the most interesting features of the Conference program always is the picture of our new work. On Saturday afternoon that will be done by lay people presenting Mira Vista, Modesto, Santa Rosa, La Selva Beach, and Pleasant Hill.

Dr. Fitch To Be Introduced

Professor Robert E. Fitch, recently come to the Department of Christian Ethics at Pacific School of Religion, will be introduced to our people, giving an address on Saturday morning and assisting at one of the seminars.

Dr. Ruth Isabel Seabury, of Boston, Massachusetts, headline speaker of Annual Meeting of the Conference, to be held in Santa Cruz, May 26-28.

The Seminars

These seminars, five in number, will deal with as many questions of great import today: "A Christian Peace Program for Today," "Retreat or Advance in World Missions," "Belief in God Today," "The Gospel and Modern Paganism," "The Christian Family on Trial." Space prevents giving the names of the leaders.

Story of the Conference

The Conference staff has prepared a dramatic sketch for the first afternoon to give in much briefer form than in previous years the story of our Conference work and something about our national boards, under the general theme of "The Thrust of the Missionary Dollar."

Conference Business

Reports of all of the committees and departments will be presented, and officers for the next conference year will be elected. As in recent years, there will be two kinds of delegates, those that are elected by the churches in accordance with the provision of the Conference By-Laws, together with the ministers in standing, all of whom are voting members. In addition, in order to make possible a mileage pool for ministers, there will be non-voting delegates to make up certain predetermined quotas; but more than this, everyone is invited, whether voting or non-voting, to enjoy the fellowship and the program.

List of available hotels with rates appears on the printed program and also arrangements for the special luncheons and dinners. Further information may be secured by writing the Conference office.

State officers of Pilgrim Fellowship, along with delegates from all our youth groups, will gather for intensive training and planning, as well as recreation, in our series of Cazadero camps. In addition to the Youth Camp, there are other weeks for every age group, including Family Camps. Send for leaflet giving details.

SUMMER CAMPS AT CAZADERO		Directors
June 10-17	Central, San Joaquin P.F.	Rev. Terence Stoker
June 17-24	Eastbay P.F.	Rev. George W. Lindsay
June 24-July 1	College Age Group	Rev. Kenneth Kinnear
July 1-8	Redwood, Upperbay P.F.	Rev. Gifford Webster
July 8-15	State P.F. Camp	Mrs. Scott Haymond
July 15-22	Family Camp No. 1	Rev. Ruben Huenemann
July 22-29	Junior High No. 1	Rev. W. F. Keeney
July 29-Aug. 5	Junior High No. 2	Mr. C. T. Gustafson
August 12-19	Family Camp No. 2	Mr. Phil Herriott
August 19-26	Junior Age Camp	Miss Alice Sanderson
Aug. 26-Sept. 2	Westbay P.F.	Rev. Weldon Batty
September 2-4	Young Adult	Rev. Williston Wirt

Ocean View Boost

The income from the apportionment for the Conference fiscal year that has just closed came up to the expectations of a year ago. As a result, there was a surplus of close to $1,700 since economies had been practiced in disbursements. On vote of the Board of Directors, this surplus together with a few hundred dollars more from previous years was invested in the Ocean View expanding program and was part payment of two additional lots at the new site. Ocean View will have an excellent property of 150 feet on Randolph Street with a depth of 100 feet. This makes possible a much better type of building than would have been possible with a smaller area. A building committee representing the Conference and the church has been given authority. Mr. Scott Haymond is drawing plans. Financing is being worked out with the Congregational Building Society, and it is expected that construction will be under way within a very few weeks, all to the joy of the people and their pastor, Rev. Joseph H. Bennett.

Rev. Philip Murray To Speak

The Program Committee of the State Conference has secured Rev. Philip G. Murray, Plymouth Church, Oakland, as the speaker for Friday night in place of President Ronald Bridges, who has met with an accident. Mr. Murray is rapidly becoming known as one of the strongest preachers of the city of Oakland.

GOING PLACES

Some sort of record was established by the embryonic church in Mira Vista. Two services were held on its first Easter—indeed, even before the church was organized. Sixty-two persons were received into membership, but 19 more bring total of charter members up to 81. Officers have been elected. The Sunday School is now meeting in 7 homes. Temporary moderator is Mr. Fiske Phelps, son of Rev. Torrance Phelps, of Sacramento. The treasurer is Mr. Morris Cleland, son of Rev. Gail Cleland, formerly of Alameda, now of Berkeley. Plans are shaping up for a building fund campaign. Rev. Gifford M. Webster is giving splendid leadership to this most promising undertaking.

BACK NUMBERS WANTED

We need back numbers of The Pacific. The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors has voted to have bound one complete set of the issues of The Pacific so far as they are available. We have, complete, all issues beginning with May 1924 down to date. We have a few earlier ones. If any of our subscribers have any old issues of The Pacific or know where they can be gotten, please drop us a card. The address is, The Pacific, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco 2, Cal.

If any pastor would be interested in an exchange of pulpits and parsonages with a minister in a lovely New England village, write Rev. Joseph S. Loughran, Woodbury, Connecticut.

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Modesto Marching

Steady and encouraging progress has been made by Modesto under the leadership of Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe. A total of 28 new members was received at Easter time, bringing the charter membership to 45. Attendance is crowding to the utmost the present facilities. The remodeling of the old farmhouse building is approaching completion. In addition to a sanctuary which can care for 64 people, there is a minister's study, two good classrooms, and a basement which serves for a department of the Sunday School and a recreation room. Easter Sunday brought two capacity congregations. New people are being attracted. Another subdivision, immediately across from the church property, is being opened. A women's group is now having an attendance of 23. Improvements continue to be made on the property.

THANKS TO THE P. F.

Pilgrim Fellowship met its total pledge to the Conference of $1,080 for the fiscal year ending March 31, although a small amount of it came in late and was credited on the new year. The Conference Board of Directors is deeply appreciative of the growing strength and interest of PF in our total program. A like amount has been assumed for the coming fiscal year.

ANNOUNCING HIS COMING

Yes, his arrival had been expected, and he did not disappoint his mother and father. He came on April 8, 1950, and he weighed six pounds six ounces, and his name is Mark Edward. O yes, we almost forgot to say that his destination was the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Welch; and his daddy is the pastor of the First Congregational Church of Santa Rosa and is soon to be examined for ordination.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 26-28—State Conference, Santa Cruz.

June 21-29—Church and Home Institutes.

June 22-26 — General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, Cleveland, Ohio.

July 5-August 2—Pastors' School, La Foret, Colo.

September 11-13 — Planning Conference of Board of Directors and all Conference committees at Cazadero.

Easter Season Accessions

Easter season of 1950 will be long remembered. Two and even three Sunday morning services were held in an increasing number of our churches. Accessions and baptisms show deepening of religious interest and earnest effort of our pastors and people. The totals are impressive for the churches that have thus far reported. Last year the corresponding figures were 702 received on confession, 1,322 total received, 722 baptisms. Thus, in total number received and those on confession, there was a substantial gain.

Name of Church	Received on Conf.	Total Rec'd	Bap.
Alameda	6	9	6
Alturas	16	32	8
Angels Camp	6	11	3
Antioch	4	11	10
Auburn	1	2	6
Benicia	6	6	10
Berkeley, Arlington	13	41	1
Chinese	7	12	5
First	28	84	28
North	5	22	
South	28	28	1
Biola	11	20	4
Campbell	6	15	15
Cloverdale		2	2
Cotati			2
Crockett	18	27	8
El Cerrito, Mira Vista	25	63	10
Elk Grove	6	11	12
Eureka	4	7	2
Fairfax	6	11	7
Ferndale			2
Fresno, First	62	102	29
Free Cross	32	46	
Japanese	4	4	8
Pilgrim	7	7	15
Zion	10	10	14
Glen Ellen	2	2	6
Guerneville	6	14	8
Hayward	31	42	29
Kenwood	3	5	2
Lodi, Ebenezer	33	46	8
First	10	14	13
Loomis	11	15	7
Martinez	27	48	12
Modesto		28	4
Niles	5	7	1
Oakland, Bethany Arm			4
First	30	62	27
Fruitvale	15	17	4
Japanese	6	6	
New Pilgrim	6	9	1
Plymouth	12	26	18
Orinda	6	21	8
Oroville	30	31	9
Pacific Grove		3	4
Palo Alto	5	22	3
Paradise		25	8
Parlier	7	28	
Pescadero		2	1
Petaluma	10	13	7
Pittsburg	16	17	10
Porterville	22	27	12
Redwood City	16	29	23
Rio Vista	3	5	12
Ripon	10	10	2
Sacramento, Pioneer	17	81	15
Sierra Arden	21	40	27
San Carlos	9	19	15
San Francisco:			
Bethany Mission Pk.	1	3	
Calvary Armenian	1	2	3
Chinese	3	21	8
First	24	39	3
Ocean View	3	8	7
Park Presidio	20	38	6
Sanger	6		
San Jose	5	22	4
San Leandro	14	31	13
San Lorenzo	6	12	5
San Mateo	35	53	34
Santa Cruz	8	14	4
Santa Rosa	14	21	3
Saratoga	14	20	7
Sebastopol			9
Sonoma	18	27	12
Soquel			6
Stockton	13	17	26
Sunnyvale	8	16	1
Sunol	5	6	
Weaverville	9	9	7
Woodside	11	11	12
Reno, Nevada	10	23	8
	908	1,690	686

REV. FRANKLIN L. GRAFF

Rev. Franklin L. Graff passed away on April 21. He was born on January 4, 1860. He attended Oberlin Theological Seminary, graduating about 1890, and spent 45 years in the active ministry. He considered his pastorate in Champaign, Ill., of fifteen years, as his finest service. Other pastorates were in Illinois, Ohio, and Michigan. He lived the last 21 years of his life in San Mateo, California, with his daughter, Mrs. Walter M. Sanger.

At Cazadero everybody works and plays and worships together. By shucking our own corn, for banquet night, we spend more of our money for good food instead of for people to wait on us! Besides, it's fun.

New Church At La Selva Beach

More than a hundred ministers and delegates from twelve of the thirteen churches of the Santa Clara Association met on Sunday afternoon and evening, April 23, at the invitation of the newly organized La Selva Beach Community Church. La Selva Beach is a community of some 600 people facing Monterey Bay several miles west of Watsonville. There are no churches in the community.

The inception of the project came about as a result of the interest of Rev. T. Davis Preston, of Soquel. Student Summer Workers have held vacation church schools and Rev. William W. Meyer and Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, of the Conference staff, have given friendly counsel and guidance. Fortunately for the work of the church, Rev. E. L. Spaulding is a resident of the community and has been able to serve as pastor.

Thirty persons signed the "La Selva Beach Compact" as charter members. The Santa Clara Association found that the church had adopted by-laws in suitable form, had elected officers, has a growing Sunday School, a women's organization, and regular services of worship. Fortunately, a community hall provides rather adequate facilities. The association voted unanimously to receive it into membership, so it constitutes a brand-new Congregational church.

The service of recognition was held in the evening under the direction of Rev. H. Weldon Batty, the moderator of the Association. Rev. T. Davis Preston read the scripture. Rev. G. Arthur Casaday offered prayer. The sermon was preached by Superintendent Harley H. Gill. The charge to the minister was given by an old friend and schoolmate, Rev. Robert B. Whitaker; the charge to the church, by Rev. Stephen C. Peabody; and the welcome, by Rev. Ed Cunningham of Santa Cruz. Following the observance of the Lord's Supper, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham pronounced the benediction. In connection with the council at La Selva Beach, the Santa Clara Association held its annual meeting. New officers were elected: Mrs. C. L. Jackson, of San Mateo, as moderator; Rev. Ed Cunningham, vice-moderator; and Professor William H. Davis, registrar.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE STUDIES MIGRANTS' NEEDS

Among several areas of interest, the Conference Social Action Committee has been giving special attention to the migrant problem in California. It has heard representatives of the rural church, of social welfare programs, of agricultural economics, of the Associated Farmers, and of the Home Missions Council. **Collier's Magazine,** in its issues of April 1 and 8, has dealt with this problem, under the caption "The American Nobody Wants."

The interest of church people ought to be centered in the work of the Home Missions Council of North America, which for 26 years has carried on a limited field program in 26 states. It provides religious ministries such as Sunday Schools, worship services, the distribution of religious literature, the use of religious films, and personal and group evangelism. It has been of great assistance through counseling, health classes, crafts, and supervised recreation. The financial support of the Council from the denominations has been utterly inadequate, and a great deal of assistance and quantities of gifts of material have been secured from immediate areas.

In Northern California the localities most concerned are Santa Clara, Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Sacramento, Merced, Sonoma, Solano, and Yolo Counties.

The Home Missions Council is not asking today for food and clothing since these are being cared for to a reasonably adequate extent by counties and relief agencies. The Home Missions Council field workers, however, desire for their immediate activities: bulk yardage, yarn, craft kits, sewing kits, scissors, books (particularly children's books), paints, religious literature, records, games, and films. It also needs financial contributions from individuals and church groups. Volunteer work on the part of people in the communities near the migrant camps would be of untold value in the conducting of services of worship, teaching in Sunday Schools and Vacation Schools, in leadership for clubs, and supervising pre-school and nursery programs, and in hobby and crafts classes for all ages.

All material and money and offers of service should be sent to the State Supervisor, Miss Mary D. Brown, Route 9, Box 264, Fresno, California.

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA AREN—Rev. Mary McKee Chester writes, "We have a Church School problem; the only hope we have at the moment is that the children do not all come every Sunday, and that we can look forward to the regular summer drop. Something has to be done before fall if we are in any way to cope with the Church School increase." The county is requiring the putting in of a parking strip. Holy Week was proceedingly busy, with Palm Sunday breakfast, children baptized at Palm Sunday service and youth group in the evening; communion on Maundy Thursday; Good Friday services from three to two; on Easter Sunday a family service at 9:45, regular worship at 11:00, and young people's groups in the evening.

OAKLAND, FIRST — Besides the two Sunday morning Easter services, there was a special observance of the Lord's Supper at four in the afternoon when the great class of new members were received and children baptized. This was followed by a reception for the new members who had joined during the year. The Women's League had as guest speaker at their Devotional Life Service Rev. Philip Murray, of Plymouth Church. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CHINESE— A carnival which had its first impetus from the Pilgrim Fellowship finally brought in the whole church and yielded nearly a thousand dollars toward the fund for remodeling the ground floor so as to provide better and more attractive facilities for youth work. An architect is assisting the church in seeing what can be worked out in improving the entire building. Rev. Ming Yee Leong is pastor.

FRESNO, FIRST—**Three** identical services (8:00, 9:30, and 11:00) were held on Easter morning, with a total attendance of 1,500 besides 500 children in regular church school sessions. There are waiting lists of children for all departments. Average attendance each Sunday is more than double that in the old church. Rev. John H. Gregg is pastor.

CROCKETT— A large class of new members joined on Easter Sunday. Five or six were formerly Roman Catholics and one Greek Orthodox. A new organization of younger women has had outstanding success, so that there are now two such groups without overlapping. Rev. C. George Kuhn is pastor.

RENO, NEVADA—Mozart's "Requiem" was given by the choir on Maundy Thursday. The Lord's Supper was observed and a large class of new members received. Rev. Arthur L. Rice presided at the union Good Friday service held in his church. Capacity congregations at both Easter morning services were present.

BERKELEY, NORTH — Lovely new robes have been secured for the choir. Two Easter services brought out record attendance. Rev. Williston Wirt has preached a series of sermons on Dr. Hornell Hart's affirmation, "I am not my body, my thoughts, or my emotions, but that which uses, directs, or controls them."

DIXON COMMUNITY—The Pacific congratulates Rev. Everett F. Spuller on his continued success at the Dixon Community Church. wenty-five people, most of them adults, were united with the church on Palm Sunday. "One Great Hour of Sharing" brought in about $125.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER — Fourteen hundred people were present at the two services on Easter Sunday. Twenty-four ushers efficiently cared for the audiences. Easter decorations and music were beautiful. Not a few people have inquired of Rev. Torrance Phelps how this rapidly growing church assimilates its new members. There are six new women's groups, and there are evening couples' clubs, four in number. New Guilds have been launched in new areas, two couples' clubs, and a young adult group, in certain neighborhoods. The "colony" organization form is followed, with directors in each of the 30 districts into which the city is divided, under the direction of a general colony chairman.

LODI, FIRST—A candlelight communion service was held on Maundy Thursday when new members were received. The church joined in Good Friday service. Preparations are going forward for the DP family, a father and mother and two children, by decorating the house and providing furnishings. Many of the young people attended the PF rally at Salida, and seven teachers are taking advantage of a training class at College of the Pacific. Rev. A. R. Boone is pastor.

SOQUEL—A new building, primarily to accommodate younger children, is soon to take form. Rooms are to be attractive and to encourage worship and character training. There will be a special room for the cub pack. The Pilgrim Fellowship is raising money for a fireplace. Rev. T. Davis Preston, the minister, continues the use of the very fine audio-visual equipment in the program of Christian education.

NILES — During Lent, mid-week services were held with outside speakers and good attendance. Acoustical tile is being installed in the church parlors. The men of the church have trimmed trees and shrubbery and given the whole plant a general cleaning inside and out. Rev. Alfred P. Focht is pastor.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON — For the celebration of Easter Sunday, 533 were present. A vesper service was held on Sunday evenings through Lent, and an early morning communion service opens each Sunday. The Organ Fund is now crowding $2,000. Rev. J. Hood Snavely is pastor.

LOOMIS—Rain made the sunrise service impossible, but 110 people gathered in the church at 5:30 in the morning. One hundred and ten were in Sunday School and 225 for the regular morning Easter service. Rev. Hendrik Martynse is minister.

REDWOOD CITY—A lovely new chancel has been installed, with very beautiful altar furnishings. Rev. Gale W. Engle has had a fine confirmation class. The young people were guests of the deacons for dinner, following which there was examination as to fitness for church membership. The church has received outstanding publicity in the arrival of a displaced persons family, Dr. and Mrs. Klavs Metra and their parents. By being on the alert, members of the church secured the gift of a large theater organ, which some day may well be installed in a new building.

SANTA CRUZ—Careful estimates indicated that at least 1,200 people attended the Easter services. The special Easter message was broadcast over Station KSCO. The organ is undergoing extensive renovations, the cost of which will be nearly $4,500. Rev. Ed Cunningham and his committees have preparations for the Annual Meeting of the State Conference well in hand. Mrs. Elizabeth Eberhardt has been added to the church staff as Director of Religious Education and Youth Work.

ORINDA—The Pilgrim Fellowship planned and sponsored a sunrise service on the hillside above the church at seven on Easter morning. Between 950 and 1000 were present at the Easter service in the theater, the offering being $700. An a cappella choir furnished lovely music. Since Easter, Rev. Fred R. Morrow, the pastor, is preaching a series of sermons on what happened after the first Easter.

ANGELS CAMP—The men of the church are beginning work on an additional unit to Friendship Hall, which will provide a large parlor, a kitchen, a storage room, and restrooms. Most of the building supplies were furnished by local lumber companies. Rev. Lawrence D. Granger, the pastor, writes that the church is preparing for the DP family of five in conditioning and furnishing an apartment and making an all year round job available.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH—Eight hundred and seventy-five people crowded the sanctuary at the eleven o'clock service on Easter morning. The offering was over $1,250. Rev. Philip Murray is making his mark in Oakland as one of that city's outstanding preachers.

PARADISE — Four hundred sixty were present at the two services on Easter Sunday. The Sunday following Easter there were 216 in attendance. This church must have an enlarged sanctuary. Rev. Robert M. Kennan is pastor.

Groups of our laymen, as well as the college students pictured here, are working to complete the new Cazadero swimming pool before camp time. As this picture was taken, gravel was unloaded to cover the drain tile below the concrete. Current need is for volunteer carpenters building concrete forms.

CAMPBELL—The church has decided that eventually, a new building at a new site will be erected, and has set up a "New Church Fund," which at present has $1,125. However, to tide over the present increasing needs, a $6,000 addition to the present building is under construction. The basement rooms have been improved for the church school. An attractive new redwood sign has been erected. One hundred and eight new folding chairs and two dozen primary chairs have been purchased. A driveway and parking spaces have been paved. Rev. Corwin Olds is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST—Rev. William E. McCormack preached at the Sunrise Service on Mt. Davidson, on Easter Sunday. At the church, four hundred people attended the 9 o'clock service and at 11 o'clock there was an overflow, an attendance for the day of about 2200 people. At the three-hour service on Good Friday there was an attendance of about 2000 people. Since the coming of Dr. McCormack 111 new members have been received. He was also the preacher over the Columbia Church of the Air on April 30.

BERKELEY, SOUTH — The sixth anniversary of the community center was observed on April 18, with a lovely program of music. Activities of the center include classes in millinery, knitting and crocheting, public speaking, loom weaving, ballet, plus scouts, and a well baby clinic. Total attendance at the center was over 10,400 for the year. It is practically self supporting. The director is Mrs. C. R. Claiborne.

BENICIA—This church, under the leadership of its pastor, Mr. C. T. Gustafson, has made the venture of carrying on its work with its own resources. It has received missionary aid much, if not all, of the time for a great many years, but has now come to self support. The attendance at the morning services is at a high level. All the churches of the Conference salute Benicia on its great step forward.

FRESNO, PILGRIM ARMENIAN —The average attendance for the services in this church for the first quarter of 1950 has been 196. The budget for the year is $14,160. A second session of the nursery and primary departments of the Sunday School is being held during the church service every Sunday. Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian will be on vacation attending the summer school at Pacific School of Religion.

OROVILLE — One hundred fifty out-of-town young people of the Pilgrim Fellowship met with this church on the weekend of April 23. A splendid class of new members came as a result of a program of lay visitation. Easter Sunday brought 286 to the first service and nearly 400 for the second. Knights Templar were present at the latter service.

FRESNO, JAPANESE—One hundred pounds of Easter candy were sent to six Sunday Schools in Japan. Attendances at services are good. Rev. Norio Ozaki, the minister, seems to have the wholehearted cooperation of both Issei and Nisei people. The finances of the church are gaining, and plans are starting toward a remodeling of the building.

SAN MATEO — On Maundy Thursday ,the choir sang "The Seven Last Words" by Dubois. Young people were baptized and received into the church on Palm Sunday. At the two great Easter services, Rev. Benton S. Gaskell, minister, preached on "Easter's Invincible Truth."

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Correspondent

The next **regular** Federation meeting will be held after the summer vacation, on August 17, 1950, at First Congregational Church, Oakland.

April Meeting Rewarding

The regular meeting of the Federation was held in First Church, Oakland, on April 20, 1950, and as usual was a most interesting one. At the Executive Board meeting preceding the general meeting delegates were elected to represent the Federation at the Missionary Education Movement (M. E. M.) Conference at Asilomar, August 4-9. They were Mrs. Wm. F. Pemberton and Mrs. Gail Cleland of Berkeley and Mrs. George Ludlow of Petaluma. Mrs. H. D. Kendall, secretary of Young People's Work, will be delegate to the State Pilgrim Fellowship Conference at Cazadero, July 8-15.

A committee of three was appointed to work with Mrs. R. A. Fuller in attending interdenominational meetings as the representatives of the Federation. As these meetings are held either in San Francisco or Oakland, Mrs. John Harrison and Mrs. Fuller will attend the meetings in San Francisco and Mrs. R. W. Kretsinger and Miss Ana Hamman of Oakland will attend the meetings held in the East Bay.

The **Literary Secretary,** Mrs. Pemberton, in thinking ahead toward the summer leisure for reading, had the supplementary reading lists ready and promised the 1950 "Adventures in Reading" soon, either at the Spring Session, she hoped, or at the Conference. She suggested several books which she has enjoyed recently: **"The Art of Real Happiness,"** by Norman Vincent Peale, which tells how one may relax under pressure, and how one may forgive one's self, especially good for those with a New England conscience; **"The Doctor Wears Three Faces," by Mary Bard,** an amusing story of a doctor's bride; **"The Man of Nazareth,"** by Harry Emerson Fosdick, which can be used along with the reading of the Bible with profit; and **"Christianity and Communism,"** by John Bennett, good for all to read who desire equality of "justice for all."

Mrs. C. E. Ward, Social Action Secretary, says that **Social Action Is Christianity in Action.** We should not be just passive Christians. A live Social Action Committee in each church could find much of interest in the fine letters and other materials available, "Thy Neighbor as Thyself" presents discussion material on cooperatives. "Labor Letters" and "Legislative News Letter" present problems and laws under discussion at Washington. Mrs. Ward will be glad to speak to any groups interested in forming Social Action groups.

Work Camp at Cazadero during Easter week was a wonderful experience for Mrs. H. D. Kendall, **Young People's Secretary.** The group went up in a chartered bus and while there took part in many activities, such as burning brush, painting or whitewashing buildings, peeling logs, etc. The inspirational periods were outstanding and unique, bringing to all the full meaning of Holy Week. These were led by Wim Meyer, who was inspired for his task.

"Famine" is a word that returns again and again to the mind after hearing Mrs. Lewis Taylor, **Foreign Field Secretary.** Of course, we are always hearing of famine in China and India, but this year is the worst since 1900. Our Congregational Christian Service Committee is planning to send thirty tons of powdered milk as a first installment for relief. Later help depends on the contributions of the churches through Our Christian World Mission.

Mrs. Taylor spoke of the International Christian University in Japan. The Japanese people have raised quite a large amount of money and purchased land. Dr. Yuasa, former president of Doshisha, is the first president. Fifty per cent of the faculty members are to be Japanese who can speak English as well as Japanese. Thirty per cent will be Americans, and the remaining 20 per cent other nationalities. Mrs. Taylor suggested summer reading might be very profitable by watching magazines for articles which bear on areas where we have mission fields, as well as by making full use of denominational magazines and letters.

Surprise Feature Following Lunch

"Miracle in Missouri" is the name of the picture of the Home Missionary project in Delmo, Missouri, which Mrs. Haymond brought to show the Federation women after lunch. It is a picture of a most interesting project and it may be secured from the office of Rev. Wm. W. Meyer, Berkeley, for showing in local groups. Be sure to use it.

The worship service was led by Mrs. Philip G. Murray, wife of the new minister at Plymouth Church, Oakland. She read from the Acts the account of the shipwreck of Paul and his companions on their way to Rome. She contrasted the actions of Paul with those of the sailors: Paul prayed, remained calm, and by his attitude of confidence succeeded in restoring order in place of hysteria, and all were saved. True Christians are not just wishful thinkers, but pray and then act.

Our Christian World Mission

was the theme of Rev. Benton S. Gaskell of San Mateo. He gave an overall picture of the total program of the Congregational Christian fellowship in this second year of Our Christian World Mission. The slogan for the year is "The Second Mile Is Our Second Chance." He gave a quick panoramic view of the Board of Home Missions working through seven departments, the American Board working in its nine countries, and the Council for Social Action with directors in five fields of endeavor. Since the war, churches of all denominations have given $125,000,000 for reconstruction. This is nothing compared with what the U. S. Government is spending on the Marshall Plan or the cost of warships, but the real significance is the power given the smaller amount by the grace of God. It is His Spirit added to our gifts which makes them accomplish so much. There will be a premier showing of a new film, "A Second Chance," at the State Conference at Santa Cruz. We as Christians have to give to others in order to receive our birthright from God.

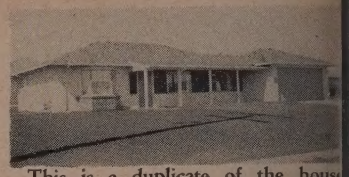
State Conference, Santa Cruz

A suggestion was made that the women's group of each church send a delegate to the State Conference, May 26, 27, 28, and have her report back to the group. The Women's Luncheon will be on Saturday, the 27th, at Hotel Casa Del Rey; speaker, Miss Elsie Farris, Long Beach attorney, who has recently visited many mission fields.

UP AND DOWN

Some are up and some are down, and some are holding their own. Some have been a little more prompt in remittances and some a little less prompt, but the total is just about a $600 increase at the end of the fourth month of the year. Continued attention to regular remittances through the summer months and continued education concerning the many great enterprises which this money is supporting will bring more adequate support.

	Jan. 11 to April 30, 1949	Jan. 11 to April 30, 1950
Alameda	$ 273.01	$ 338.34
Alturas	32.10	48.56
Angels Camp	44.85	68.41
Antioch	92.74	151.96
Auburn	100.00	25.00
Benicia	.....	26.00
Berkeley, Arlington	199.67	282.41
Chinese	.....	25.07
First	4,241.16	3,710.93
North	361.10	487.55
Northbrae	276.17	400.00
South	312.10	333.62
Campbell	177.02	298.97
Cedarville	39.43	32.10
Cloverdale	80.60	42.90
Cotati	62.50	50.01
Crockett	32.03	70.61
Dinuba	2.00	1.00
Eagleville	7.36	13.38
Elk Grove	25.00	67.14
Etna	32.59	35.09
Eureka	450.01	450.58
Fairfax	75.00	115.80
Ferndale	183.40	129.47
Fowler	50.00	.....
Fresno, First	1,101.54	1,871.85
Zion	66.08	.....
Glen Ellen	34.23	99.50
Guerneville	.....	151.84
Hayward	837.50	583.38
Kenwood	57.70	33.67
Lodi, Ebenezer	299.30	96.52
First	1,051.20	708.25
Loleta	20.32	8.41
Martinez	848.47	277.69
Modesto	58.26	40.37
Murphys	.....	5.00
Niles	113.50	24.30
Oakland, Beth. Arm.	71.57	.....
First	2,187.83	1,851.27
Fruitvale	67.41	.....
Japanese	30.00	.....
New Pilgrim	11.47	152.90
Plymouth	771.31	780.91
Orinda	560.28	410.98
Oroville	154.12	250.00
Pacific Grove	50.00	75.84
Palo Alto	1,448.14	1,422.50
Paradise	216.50	260.60
Parlier	.....	15.00
Penngrove	20.25	99.55
Pescadero	.....	26.45
Petaluma	525.00	500.00
Pittsburg	156.95	183.46
Port Chicago	40.30	5.00
Porterville	754.00	700.00
Redwood City	531.84	674.94
Rio Vista	80.00	50.00
Ripon	189.19	102.07
Sacramento, First	587.00	1,188.00
Sierra Arden	116.00	37.25
Salida	26.53	11.25
San Carlos	350.00	610.00
San Francisco:		
Bethany Mission Pk.	62.20	68.15
Calvary Armenian	30.00	.....
Chinese	.....	26.50
First	364.92	718.22
Ocean View	50.00	50.00
Park Presidio	217.27	322.34
Sanger	66.33	.....
San Jose	1,013.89	726.66
San Leandro	143.00	79.88
San Lorenzo	15.75	17.65
San Mateo	1,750.00	1,600.00
San Rafael	14.70	52.15
Santa Cruz	654.87	547.64
Santa Rosa	113.52	148.23
Saratoga	273.34	268.92
Sebastopol	185.58	219.02
Sonoma	3.00	81.57
Soquel	25.82	40.15
Stockton	297.85	557.97
Suisun	57.50	40.00
Sunnyvale	198.06	42.25
Sunol	.....	72.45
Tulare	380.00	681.00
Weaverville	50.00	100.00
Woodside	29.00	94.35
Reno, Nevada	318.27	296.70
Miscellaneous	572.65	720.20
	$27,471.15	$28,085.69



This is a duplicate of the house purchased by the Women's League of the First Congregational Church, Oakland, to be the parsonage for the new church in the Pleasant Hill area near Gregory Gardens. It will be occupied not later than July 1 by Rev. Robert L. Carlson and his wife. He is finishing some graduate work at Yale University. In the meantime, Mr. William McReynolds, of Pacific School of Religion, will devote one day a week in the area making calls and announcing the coming of Mr. Carlson and preparing the people for the new project.

DR. FARNHAM COMING

The Oakland and San Francisco Councils of Churches have united their programs and have called as executive secretary Dr. C. E. Farnham, who has come from the combined office of general secretary of the Southern California Council of Churches and the Los Angeles Council of Churches. He will begin work on September first. Dr. Farnham is a native of California. He held pastroates in Portland, Oregon, and was executive of the Portland Council of Churches before taking the position in Southern California. He is a minister in the Presbyterian denomination.

FOR THE SUMMER CAMPS SEND FOR BLANKS

The leaflets of information and application for our series of summer camps at Cazadero are available from the Conference office or from your local church. Dates of the Family Camps are July 15-22 and August 12-19.

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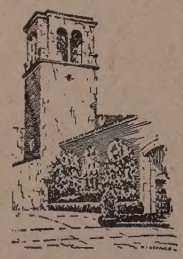

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